



Council Report

776 N.E. 125 Street, North Miami, Florida 33161

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Marc Elias, Jr., Chief of Police 

Date: Tuesday, January 14th, 2014

RE: Authorizing the retirement of police dog Diego and awarding police dog Diego to Police Officer Otoniel Fernandez

RECOMMENDATION

Authorizing the retirement of police dog Diego and awarding police dog Diego to Police Officer Otoniel Fernandez.

BACKGROUND

After 10 years of dedicated service to the North Miami Police Department in apprehending violent criminals and alerting to numerous amounts of illegal narcotics, Diego will be retired as a police work dog. Diego suffers from hip dysplasia and is unable to continue to function as a police work dog. Diego, having been a loyal K-9 partner, will retire and spend the rest of his years with his trusted handler, Officer Otoniel Fernandez.

The North Miami Police Department has historically transferred ownership of canines, which are unable to continue their functions as a police work dog due to age and/or illness, to their handlers.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING
THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE DOG DIEGO AND
AWARDING POLICE DOG DIEGO TO POLICE OFFICER
OTONIEL FERNANDEZ; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Police Dog Diego served the City of North Miami for many years as the K-9 partner of Police Officer Otoniel Fernandez; and

WHEREAS, after years of dedicated service, Police Dog Diego's usefulness as a police work dog is over and he has recently retired from active service; and

WHEREAS, it is customary for retired police dogs to be awarded to their police officer partners who have cared for them throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Otoniel Fernandez desires to have Police Dog Diego reside in his care and custody; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami has no further use of Police Dog Diego and wishes to award Officer Fernandez with Police Dog Diego in recognition of their service together.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Authority to Award. The Police Chief, by and through, the City Manager is authorized to retire Police Dog Diego from active service and declare he is no longer of use to the City of North Miami Police Department as a police work dog. The care, custody and ownership of Police Dog Diego are hereby awarded to Police Officer Otoniel Fernandez.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2014.

LUCIE M. TONDREAU
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Lucie M. Tondreau	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Carol Keys, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Philippe Bien-Aime	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)